

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Willie E. Dow,)	C/A No.: 1:16-2721-HMH-SVH
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Petitioner,)	
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vs.)	ORDER
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Richard A. Cothran, Warden of)	
Turbeville Correctional Institution,)	
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Respondent.)	
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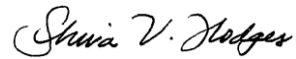
Petitioner, proceeding in forma pauperis, brought this petition for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. Respondent filed a motion for summary judgment on January 11, 2017. [ECF No. 26]. As Petitioner is proceeding pro se, the court entered an order pursuant to *Roseboro v. Garrison*, 528 F.2d 309 (4th Cir. 1975), on January 11, 2017, advising him of the importance of a motion for summary judgment and of the need for him to file an adequate response by February 13, 2017. [ECF No. 28]. Petitioner was specifically advised that if he failed to respond adequately, Respondent's motion may be granted, thereby ending this case.

Notwithstanding the specific warning and instructions set forth in the court's *Roseboro* order, Petitioner has failed to respond to the motion. As such, it appears to the court that he does not oppose the motion and wishes to abandon this action. Based on the foregoing, the undersigned orders Petitioner to advise the court as to whether he wishes to continue with this case and to file a response to Respondent's motion for summary judgment by March 10, 2017. Petitioner is further advised that if he fails to respond, this

action will be recommended for dismissal with prejudice for failure to prosecute. *See Davis v. Williams*, 588 F.2d 69, 70 (4th Cir. 1978); Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

February 24, 2017
Columbia, South Carolina

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Shiva V. Hodges". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Shiva V. Hodges
United States Magistrate Judge